

Earthquake was shaken, windows rattled, and nearly all the people at the Green Spot, an extension of this town, ran out in the streets in terror. Many persons thought it was an explosion of the large blast furnace and trap-door which had been let down before the election, so near a certainty of carrying New York as Mr. Blaine was at the moment. The Republicans in all the rural districts of the State are for him, with unshaken and unwavering confidence. The Democratic party, however, has been discredited by the contraction and expansion of straitened rocks, or by chemical contact. Water percolating through crevices is thus converted into steam, and this acts upon the rocks so violently as to create a wave of motion or an earthquake. The principle lights: If I strike one end of a long iron rod with a hammer, and you put your finger at the other end, you feel the shock, because the molecules of the iron have passed it from one end to the other. That would be a wave of percussion. In the internal action of steam upon rocks, you have a terrible agent capable of causing these awful catastrophes which are connected with earthquakes in the history of the world. An earthquake shock is a revolution, and as far as we know the great force of that action is steam.

Professor Daniel Draper was just starting for his vaca-

tion, but he said a few words about the earthquake. He thought it was a trifling miscalculation, and doubted that it was truly seismic. He was inclined to explain the phenomena by reference to the sliding of granite and trap-door by heat and contraction and expansion. Fuller does a concreting the area of the shock and its movement could enable men of science to speak definitely concerning it. Thus the three professors seen by THE TRIBUNE repeat differ from each other in their views.

PORT JERVIS WELL SHAKEN UP.

SOME UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCES—NEGROES BADLY SCARED.

PORT JERVIS, Aug. 11.—The severe shocks of earthquake that visited this region yesterday still seem to occupy the mind of the people, and the corners are filled with people eagerly discussing the signs now. The weather for the past few days has been particularly cold and disagreeable, and interspersed with many cold showers, has had a most depressing effect on trade and trade-spirits. Yesterday was a perfectly observable day, and masses of heavy clouds hung over the village, with frequent cold rains, which rendered the day an excessively unpleasant one. The first shock of the earthquake was felt at about 2 o'clock, and it increased in vigor until the whole earth seemed violently agitated and resounded with a heavy reverberation.

A lady living in the lower part of the town was about to take a bath, when she became suddenly dazed and thinking she was about to fall in a fainting fit, she dropped plumply at a marble wash-stand. An instant later she fell the same rock to it and fled, becoming alarmed and hastily donned her clothing and ran down stairs, when she was informed what the trouble was by her excited neighbors. Another family in the vicinity, becoming alarmed of the shaking of their house, left it hurriedly, expecting that the chimney was about to crash in upon them. A simple man living in Pleasant, in one of the largest brick and stone houses in the street, was recently up in bed when the shock came. He states that he left three hours of the sofa perfectly. A family living up stairs in the same house fled precipitately from their apartments claiming that the crockery and furniture were flying about in all directions and they feared the house had been undermined by the heavy rains or storms. In the upper portion of the town the shocks were apparently very slight, but those from the south, which closed near him, nearly emptied its contents in his lap and the next instant the chair on which he was sitting was turned completely around and glassware was scattered on the floor, which was disturbed by the noise of the shock. And no gentleman, who was up upstairs, was aroused from a deep slumber by what appeared to him something like a noise of falling stones. In one room known vaguely as "Negro Hollow," "Reesey-van Veen" and "Negro Parasols." At this place the colored people were rapidly made up from the surrounding country, and the occurrence of the shocks as witnessed here. Many houses in each of these places were actually shaken in and the windows were broken.

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